

January 23, 2002

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Dear Ms. Hesse,

As an employee for a large midwestern hospital, I see first hand the benefits of technology everyday. Whether it is computerized laser surgical tools or sophisticated medical record software packages, my employer relies everyday on constant innovation within the technology field to better serve our patients and community.

The pervasive nature of technology continues to astound me...it seems as if virtually everything we encounter has some kind of microchip inside. Is it any wonder then, that one of the largest computer companies in the world being involved in a major lawsuit would have an extraordinary impact on virtually every segment of our economy?

As I understand it, there is a settlement before you that could bring closure to this matter very quickly. While I agree it is vitally important to protect consumers, it is also important to do what is prudent to protect our economy and to continue technological innovation, research and investment.

The settlement before you addresses the concerns of the original complaint. All interested parties have approved it. Please give the settlement your final approval and help get the economy moving again.

Sincerely,



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